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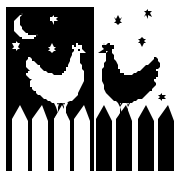
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were mostly trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Retail demand was light and disappointing, best where scattered features were present. Food service was slightly better, mostly into fast food and institutional accounts. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient, occasionally ample for heavier weights, with sharp discounts noted. In the parts structure, trading showed a slight increase to cover weekend needs, but movement remained slow to light. All items were at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/03-12/08/01 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	47.00-54.00	45.00-54.00	49.63	24
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	48.00-50.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.00-64.00	48.00-66.50	63.13	83

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
698	62.25-66.50	63.76
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	191.50	1,306
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	4,559
BREASTS - WHOLE	57.00	1,098
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00	765
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	8,396
WINGS	86.00	3,135

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area decreased from Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings of additional product plentiful for the selective and mostly noncommittal trade interest. Retail movement continued sluggish and disappointing overall with mixed opinions for first of the month business. Food service demand was irregular, slow to fairly good with institutional and fast food promotions providing best interest. Floor stocks were in close balance to ample. Sizes were in a desirable range. Trading on parts items was slow to light overall with discounted items inducing little additional trade interest. Supplies of leg quarters fully adequate to ample, wings adequate and breast items fully sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was steady on wings, barely steady to weak on leg quarters and breast items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand entering the weekend remained seasonally light and unaggressive with limited trading and regular commitments mostly sufficient. Opinions for next week's first of the month business was mixed, but mostly unsure and lacked optimism. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability of all items continued to exceed the limited buying interest even with discounted prices present. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's level. Early trading reported for next week's delivery at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at mixed levels. Offerings in fair balance on whole body product under 3 pounds but heavier sizes were ample and often offered at sharper discounts. Buying interest was fair, yet cautious. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, best for whole body where store features and for parts where fast food promotions in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69, whole cut-up 99, boneless breast 177-399 boneless leg meat 99, split breast 169, whole leg 67-129, leg quarter 10# bag 390, thigh 67-169, drumstick 67-169, cornish hen 179; Northern California - whole body 59-99, whole cut-up 99-139, boneless breast 177-399, drumstick 79-139, thigh 79-139, whole leg 139; Arizona - boneless breast 169-269, boneless breasts IQF 4# bag 796, split breast 149-249, leg quarters 39, thigh 69, drumstick 89.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was limited entering the weekend as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of all sizes were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were fully sufficient. Leg quarters were ample. The balance of parts more than sufficient.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds generally remained seasonally light to fair at best, with slight improvement in some orders to cover weekend needs. Seller offerings were readily available. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, as in the past several days, all items were more than sufficient for immediate needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		45-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		53.73
NO. OF BOXES		11,353
CUMULATIVE	11/26/01-11/30/01	55.54
	11/27/00-12/01/00	57.75
NO. OF BOXES	11/26/01-11/30/01	147,106
	11/27/00-12/01/00	55,750

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NOV 29

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

NOV 30

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	928	105.00-168.00	120-125	133.37		913	103.00-168.00	120-125	133.30		5,305	132.66
TENDERLOINS	82	105.00-201.00	105-110	137.17		84	105.00-201.00	105-110	136.40		522	135.66
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	60.00-63.00	60	60.42		72	60.00-63.00	60	60.42		433	61.28
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					250	57.50
LEGS	88	37.00-49.00	37-39	38.09		88	36.50-49.00	37-38	37.64		528	38.20
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	392	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.69		432	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.63		2,484	22.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,211	23.00-31.50	25-26	26.08		1,291	23.00-31.50	25-26	26.04		5,813	26.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	75.00-89.00	88-90	86.60		281	77.00-89.00	88-90	86.85		1,603	87.99
WINGS (CUT)	291	94.00-117.00	95-98	101.73		284	94.00-117.00	95-98	101.69		1,696	101.63
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					337	49.28
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					137	50.80
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					230	88.87

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOV 29, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE**

39.25 - 43.50

**AVERAGE**

39.63

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOV 30, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE**

39.00 - 43.50

**AVERAGE**

39.36

**5-DAY****AVERAGE**

39.84

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, however, dealers remained cautious and selective and were unwilling to extend floorstocks to anything beyond most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient. Leg quarters were readily available. Wings were at least sufficient. Distributive movement was no better than fair and retail draw was spotty depending on promotional activity. The market tone was cautiously steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

NOV 29

**CURRENT NEG****WTD****VOL/LBS**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	120.51	331,800
TENDERLOINS	100	103.23	103,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-50	60.46	151,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	49	50.96	165,640
LEGS	39-40	44.76	121,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	25.71	387,379
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	42.46	65,590
THIGHS	36-37	36.73	56,370
B/S THIGHS	86-87	86.94	64,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	87.33	225,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.34	28,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	38.54	10,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.30	11,400

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**CURRENT NEG****WTD****VOL/LBS****WEEKLY**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115119.91	388,760	121.441,788,670		
TENDERLOINS	100101.50	113,896	103.15 428,484		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-5059.24	184,360	58.71 919,680		
BREAST - LINE RUN	4951.74137,680	51.42	806,040		39-40
LEGS	43.08 149,720	43.90	673,080		22-23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24.74 321,292	26.44	1,870,497		38-39
DRUMSTICKS	40.6598,150	40.65	502,060		36-37
THIGHS	38.2554,140	39.99	326,730		86-87
B/S THIGHS	81.25 103,480	84.60	328,190		83-84
WINGS (WHOLE)	90.39 251,800	89.98	1,365,440		10-12
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.1634,720	12.20	162,220		30-35
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	34.388,920	36.01	58,760		55-60
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	62.2927,120	63.04	122,870		

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		ACTUAL		AVG	
	11/30	11/29	11/28	11/27	11/28	11/27	11/28	11/27	11/28	11/27
ALA	3,938	4,044	3,950	3,900	5.19	5.24	3,038	4.96		
ARK	6,198	5,325	5,180	5,259	4.98	5.03	4,427	4.93		
DELMARVA	2,146	2,321	2,319	2,293	4.97	5.09	1,873	4.94		
KY-LA-TN	2,123	2,011	1,996	1,953	4.60	4.70	1,583	4.48		
MISS	2,706	2,817	2,818	2,873	5.07	5.05	2,042	4.91		
NC	2,678	2,651	2,600	2,634	5.97	6.04	1,547	5.89		
TEXAS	2,380	2,400	2,286	2,371	4.96	5.12	1,623	4.84		
TOTAL	22,169	21,569	21,149	21,283	5.11	5.18	16,133	5.00		
MON-FRI107,849(A)							78,276(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Nov 01 and 01-Dec-01 is estimated to be 33,167,000 up 37.00 percent from a week ago and up 13.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 24,209,000; last year 29,359,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Dec-01 is estimated to be 156,125,000 head up 37.4

percent from a week ago, and up 6.7 percent from a year ago

(Last week 113,595,000 Last year 146,306,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-95
	DRY PACK 96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending November 17, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	30,024	21,873	40,044
Avg Weight	3.68	4.73	6.21
% of total /1	33%	24%	44%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	27,424	27,750	44,272
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.28
% of total /1	28%	28%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,915	26,502	38,173
Avg Weight	3.76	4.78	6.21
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%
To date/2001	1,434,137	1,267,925	1,999,621
To date/2000	1,508,091	1,534,119	1,861,904

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

HEAD	113,595(A)	1,174	931	2,105	430
AVG WT	4.98	3.41	7.71	5.31	6.77
LAST WEEK	152,275	1,568	1,545	3,113	486
SAME WK YR AGO	111,581	1,134	944	2,078	376
AVG WT	5.20	3.45	8.09	5.56	6.67
TO-DATE/2001	7,206,169	83,258	64,735	147,993	23,589
TO-DATE/2000	7,225,409	88,575	67,886	156,461	21,081

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 115 million head or 34.1 million head less than or 77 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 27, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .84	Silkie	2.50 - 4.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .82	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .32	9-14 LBS	.20 - .38
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .94	White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.10ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.10	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.44
4-6 LBS	.20 - 1.10	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.10
7-11 LBS	.20 - 1.34	Bunnies	1.50 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.75 - 1.25	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.50ea.	Goats	65.00-100.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Kid Goats	16.00 - 33.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .24	Doves	3.50 - 5.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .46	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.50 - .74

Total Coops Sold 652

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 26-NOV-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-69	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-75

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules were full-time to over-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 26-NOV-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO****ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
OCTOBER 20	158.8	154.2	103	5.12
27	158.6	155.7	102	5.04
NOVEMBER 3	157.4	155.4	101	5.26
10	156.4	151.8	103	4.93
17	154.1	148.1	104	5.10
24	115.0	149.1	77	4.98
YEAR TO DATE	7293.9	7259.5	100	
DECEMBER 1		152.5		
8		154.1		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	12/01/01	11/24/01	% CHG	12/02/00	% CHG
Broilers	156,125	113,595*	+37	146,306*	+07
Cattle	670	589	+14	675*	-01
Hogs	2,047	1,787	+15	2,024*	+01

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to good. Supplies were about adequate to tight. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
26-27.5 MAJORITY 26.5	32-38 MAJORITY 33-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
26.-28.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27	32.5-41 MAJORITY 34.5-36.5

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate for the mostly normal processing schedules. Demand was light to mostly fair and generally unaggressive. Canners movement was moderate and clearing. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report. Demand was slow to moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate to instances good with schedules usually providing adequate product for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules normal for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample

#### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The market tone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report. Demand was moderate for usually adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderately good. Processing schedules were usually normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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